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A fire that injured a 45-year-old **Townsend, Delaware** woman yesterday has been declared an accident by the Delaware State Fire Marshal's office.

The Townsend Fire Company responded to to 1100 block of Madrid Street in the **Enclave of Odessa** development near Fieldsboro Road shortly after 5:30 pm for a reported house on fire. Firefighters encountered smoke pouring from the house when they arrived on the scene. One of the occupants was hurt. She was transported to the emergency room at the Christiana Hospital suffering burns to her hands and feet. The victim was in stable condition.

Deputy fire marshals were called to the scene to conduct the investigation. The fire originated inside the kitchen on the stovetop when cooking materials ignited. The victim was injured trying to remove the burning pan of oil.

Heavy fire damage was estimated at \$75,000. The American Red Cross was requested to provide emergency assistance to eight adults and one child.